

## Cancellation of a Nonpartisan Municipal Primary \*

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## Number of Candidates for Each Office on the Ballot: First Office **Second Office** Third Office **Fourth Office** Fifth Office Sixth Office Seventh Office Municipality Must Hold A Primary?\* 0 to 3 No One Office on the Ballot 4 or more 0 to 3 0 to 3 No 4 0 to 3 No Two Offices on the Ballot Yes 5 or more for any office 0 to 3 No 0 to 3 0 to 3 0 to 3 4 0 to 3 No Three Offices on the Ballot Any number Yes 5 or more for any office Yes 0 to 3 0 to 3 0 to 3 0 to 3 No 4 0 to 3 0 to 3 0 to 3 No Four Offices on the Ballot 0 to 3 0 to 3 No 4 4 4 Any number Yes 5 or more for any office Yes 0 to 3 No 0 to 3 0 to 3 0 to 3 0 to 3 No **Five Offices on the Ballot** 4 4 0 to 3 0 to 3 0 to 3 No 4 4 Any number Any number Yes 5 or more for any office 0 to 3 No 4 0 to 3 No 4 0 to 3 0 to 3 0 to 3 0 to 3 No Six Offices on the Ballot 4 4 4 0 to 3 0 to 3 0 to 3 No 4 4 4 Any number Anv number Yes 5 or more for any office Yes 0 to 3 No 0 to 3 0 to 3 0 to 3 No 4 0 to 3 4 0 to 3 4 0 to 3 0 to 3 0 to 3 0 to 3 No Seven Offices on the Ballot 4 4 4 0 to 3 0 to 3 0 to 3 0 to 3 No 4 Any number Any number Any number Yes

5 or more for any office

Yes

<sup>\*</sup>See also 13-14-115, MCA. For circumstances not covered above, such as instances in which individuals can vote for two or more candidates for the same office, feel free to contact the Secretary of State's office. If an election administrator determines that a nonpartisan municipal primary election need not be held, the election administrator must notify the governing body, which may require that a primary election be held if it passes a resolution not more than 10 days after the close of candidate filing.